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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Chairman

1. The items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report are listed in document A/C.4/45/1. Background information on these items, including references to the related documentation, is set out in the annotated preliminary list of items on the provisional agenda of the forty-fifth session (A/45/100 and Add.1*). 1/

2. Under rule 99, paragraph (b), of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, each Main Committee "shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item".

3. In pursuance of the above rule and taking into account its experience in previous years, the Fourth Committee may wish, for the purpose of planning, to consider adopting as a provisional guideline the approximate dates set out below for the consideration of the items on its agenda:

Agenda item	Number of meetings	Dates for consideration
Election of officers/ organization of work	1	2 October
Item 112	8-10	4-12 October
Items 18, 111, 113 and 12, 114 and 115	11-13	15-25 October

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* A/45/100/Add.1 to be issued.

4. In the preparation of the above timetable, the Chairman was guided by the following considerations:

(a) In accordance with established procedures and bearing in mind the availability of the documentation, the Fourth Committee may wish to hold general debates, one covering agenda item 112 and the other, items 18, 111, 113 and 12, 114 and 115, it being understood that draft resolutions and/or proposals will be considered separately;

(b) It is understood that, should consideration by the General Assembly in plenary meetings of the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [36] fall within the period indicated above, the timetable for the work of the Fourth Committee would be modified on the basis of consultations;

(c) In accordance with established procedure, the General Assembly is expected to take up in plenary meetings the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18] as a whole following the completion of its consideration of the other decolonization items allocated to it and after the Fourth Committee has completed its work for the session;

(d) Petitioners will be heard as early as possible during the Fourth Committee's consideration of the related items. Bodies and individuals having an interest in the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [36] will be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting;

(e) The available conference facilities will enable the Fourth Committee to hold up to seven meetings per week.

5. Subject to the above provisional programme of work being acceptable to the Fourth Committee and in order to facilitate the work of the Committee, the Chairman wishes to suggest that the list of speakers in the general debate covering item 112 be closed on Thursday, 4 October, at 6 p.m. and that on the remaining items, on Tuesday, 16 October, at 6 p.m.

6. The Chairman wishes also to draw attention to the related decisions and practices of the General Assembly on the organization of its work as contained in document A/45/250 having particular relevance to the work of the Main Committees. Particular attention is drawn to a decision adopted by the Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly both for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-fifth session (A/45/250, para. 7). Members' attention is also drawn to a decision adopted by the Assembly to waive at this session the quorum required, under rule 108 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, for the Chairman to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed (see A/45/250, para. 8).

7. The attention of the members is also drawn to a recommendation of the General Committee (A/45/250, para. 4), adopted by the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, that the holding of concurrent meetings of the

Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee should be avoided, to the extent possible and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-fifth session.

8. According to the information made available to the Chairman by the competent offices of the Secretariat, the Fourth Committee, at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, lost more than 15 hours, the equivalent of some five meetings, through the late starting and early adjournment of meetings. The Chairman accordingly wishes to appeal to members to co-operate with him with a view to the efficient utilization of conference resources during the session.

9. In order to allow the distribution of prepared texts of statements made in the Committee to delegations, specialized agencies, observers, interpreters and record-writers, 300 copies are required. A minimum of 15 copies should be given in advance of delivery of the speech, in order to help the Secretariat to provide the best possible service.

Notes

1/ For the final list of items adopted by the General Assembly, see document A/45/251.

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Agenda item 18

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Rwanda, Seychelles, Suriname, Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered in depth the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling its resolution 44/88 of 11 December 1989 on the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling resolution AHG/Res.104 (XIX) on Western Sahara, 1/ adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its nineteenth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 6 to 12 June 1983,

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1/ For the text, see resolution 38/40, para. 1.

Recalling also the agreement in principle given on 30 August 1988 by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro to the joint proposals of the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to the holding of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, organized and supervised by the United Nations in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988 concerning the question of Western Sahara,

Taking note with satisfaction of the appointment on 19 January 1990 of Mr. Johannes Manz as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara,

Having examined the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 2/

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the question of Western Sahara, 3/

Reiterating its support for the joint good offices process initiated in New York on 9 April 1986 by the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to promoting a just and definitive solution of the question of Western Sahara, in accordance with resolution AHG/Res.104 (XIX) and General Assembly resolution 40/50 of 2 December 1985,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of Western Sahara;

2. Reaffirms that the question of Western Sahara is a question of decolonization which remains to be completed on the basis of the exercise by the people of Western Sahara of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

3. Expresses its full support for the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the situation concerning Western Sahara, 4/ which was unanimously approved by Council resolution 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990;

2/ A/45/23 (Part VI), chap. IX.

3/ A/45/644.

4/ S/21360.

4. Takes note with appreciation of the dispatching to Western Sahara and to neighbouring countries of the technical mission in order to refine the administrative aspects of the outlined plan and to obtain the necessary information for the preparation of a further report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council containing in particular an estimate of the cost of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO);

5. Expresses its full support for the efforts of the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to promote a just and definitive solution of the question of Western Sahara, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/50;

6. Urges the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue and intensify their efforts with a view to resolving the remaining problems, and thus to fulfil the necessary conditions for the holding of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, without any administration or military constraints, organized and supervised by the United Nations in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;

7. Reaffirms its conviction that the direct dialogue between the two parties to the conflict could contribute to the completion of the joint good offices process of the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the restoration of peace in Western Sahara and to stability and security in the whole region;

8. Appeals once again to the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro to display the co-operation and the political goodwill necessary for the completion of the peace process with a view to a speedy settlement of the question of Western Sahara;

9. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara as a matter of priority and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

10. Invites the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress achieved in the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity relating to Western Sahara;

11. Invites the Secretary-General to follow the situation in Western Sahara closely with a view to the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF GIBRALTAR

Draft text of consensus

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 44/426 of 11 December 1989 and recalling at the same time that the Brussels declaration, agreed to on 27 November 1984 by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 1/ states, inter alia, the following:

> "The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting co-operation on a mutually beneficial basis in economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution",

Takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs have held annual meetings alternatively in each capital, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

1/ A/39/732, annex.

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Agenda item 119

PROGRAMME PLANNING

Note dated 16 October 1990 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fourth Committee

The President of the General Assembly has the honour to enclose, for any appropriate action by the Fourth Committee, a letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairman of the Fourth Committee regarding agenda item 119, entitled "Programme planning".

Annex

LETTER DATED 11 OCTOBER 1990 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 21 September 1990 addressed to me by the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/45/5), by which he informed me that at the 3rd plenary meeting of the forty-fifth session, held on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly had decided to allocate agenda item 119, Programme planning, among others, to the Fifth Committee.

By its resolution 36/228 A of 18 December 1981, section I, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) on the work of its twenty-first session. a/ One of those recommendations is contained in paragraph 471 of the CPC report, which states that:

> "Each chapter of the proposed medium-term plan should be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly before the plan as a whole is adopted by the Assembly in plenary meeting."

At its current session, the General Assembly has before it the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6), the consolidated summary of the comments and recommendations made by Member States and intergovernmental bodies since 1988 on the draft introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/279), as well as the report of CPC on the work of its thirtieth session (A/45/16 (Parts I and II)).

The appendix below indicates, for each programme of the proposed plan, the relevant Main Committee(s) to which it should be referred.

In order to enable the Fifth Committee to take fully into account the views which the Member States may wish to express in the Fourth Committee on the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, it would be appreciated if such views were to be communicated to the Fifth Committee no later than 9 November 1990.

Notes

a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38), chap. VII.

Appendix

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997 AND RELATED DOCUMENTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PLENARY MEETINGS a/ AND THE MAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Programmes and related documents	To be referred to
Introduction to the plan, b/ annex to the Introduction c/ and note by the Secretariat containing a consolidated summary of the comments and recommendations made by Member States and intergovernmental bodies since 1988 on the draft introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 d/	General Assembly and all Main Committees
Programmes 1 to 6, 10, 37 and 45	General Assembly
Programmes 1, 2 and 7	First Committee
Programmes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 35, 36 and 38	Special Political Committee
Programmes 11 to 24, 30 to 34, 37 and 45	Second Committee
Programmes 11, 12, 25 to 36	Third Committee
Programmes 1 and 4	Fourth Committee
Programmes 39 to 44	Fifth Committee
Programme 9	Sixth Committee

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a/ The General Assembly in plenary meeting is listed because the programmes and related documents referred to it deal with or are related to many of the items which are on its agenda.

b/ A/45/6 (introduction).

c/ A/45/6 (annex to the introduction).

d/ A/45/279.

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Agenda item 114

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its earlier resolutions on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa, in particular resolution 44/86 of 11 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ containing an account of the work of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and the administration of the Programme for the period from 1 September 1989 to 31 August 1990,

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1/ A/45/553.

Noting with satisfaction that the recommendations of the evaluation of the Programme undertaken in 1989 as endorsed by the Advisory Committee are being implemented,

Recognizing the valuable assistance rendered by the Programme to the peoples of South Africa and Namibia,

Noting with satisfaction that educational and technical assistance for southern Africa has become a growing concern of the international community,

Fully recognizing the need to provide continuing educational opportunities and counselling abroad to a greater number of students from South Africa and, during a transitional period, to students from Namibia, in a wide variety of professional, cultural and linguistic disciplines, as well as opportunities for vocational and technical training and for advanced studies at graduate and postgraduate levels in priority fields of study,

Strongly convinced that the continuation and steady expansion of the Programme is essential in order to meet the ever-increasing demand for educational and training assistance to students from South Africa and, during a transitional period, to students from Namibia,

1. Endorses the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

2. Commends the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa for their continuing efforts to develop the Programme and further to promote generous contributions to the Programme and to enhance co-operation with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies involved in educational and technical assistance to southern Africa;

3. Expresses its appreciation to all those that have supported the Programme by providing contributions, scholarships or places in their educational institutions;

4. Appeals to all States, institutions, organizations and individuals to offer greater financial and other support to the Programme in order to secure its continuation and steady expansion.

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OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Algeria, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Madagascar, Mali, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/87 of 11 December 1989,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, 1/ prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Conscious of the importance of promoting the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

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1/ A/45/560.

Strongly convinced that the continuation and expansion of offers of scholarships is essential in order to meet the increasing need of students from Non-Self-Governing Territories for educational and training assistance, and considering that students in those Territories should be encouraged to avail themselves of such offers,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. Invites all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that have not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. Urges the administering Powers to take effective measures to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.

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Note by the Chairman

Upon conclusion of the general debate on the remaining items on its agenda (see document A/C.4/45/1), the Fourth Committee will take action on the draft resolutions and draft decisions contained in the documents indicated, in the order given below: 1/

Draft resolutions/decisions		Item
1.	A/45/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 9 (p. 22)	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [111]
2.	A/45/23 (Part V), chap. VII, para. 18 (p. 10)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [113]
3.	A/C.4/45/L.5	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [114]
4.	A/C.4/45/L.6	Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [115]

Draft resolutions/decisions		Item
		Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]
5.	A/C.4/45/L.2	- Western Sahara
6.	A/C.4/45/L.3	- Gibraltar
	A/45/23 (Part VI), chap. IX, paras. 114 and 115	
7.	- Draft resolution I (p. 44)	- New Caledonia
8.	- Draft resolution II (p. 45)	- Anguilla
9.	- Draft resolution III (p. 47)	- Bermuda
10.	- Draft resolution IV (p. 50)	- British Virgin Islands
11.	- Draft resolution V (p. 53)	- Cayman Islands
12.	- Draft resolution VI (p. 55)	- Montserrat
13.	- Draft resolution VII (p. 58)	- Turks and Caicos Islands
14.	- Draft resolution VIII (p. 61)	- Tokelau
15.	- Draft resolution IX (p. 64)	- American Samoa
16.	- Draft resolution X (p. 66)	- Guam
17.	- Draft resolution XI (p. 68)	- United States Virgin Islands
18.	- Draft resolution XII (p. 71)	- Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
19.	- Draft decision I (p. 75)	- Pitcairn
20.	- Draft decision II (p. 75)	- St. Helena

Notes

1/ At its 11th meeting, on 23 October 1990, the Fourth Committee decided to set Tuesday, 23 October, 6 p.m., as the deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to agenda items 18, 111, 113 and 12, 114 and 115.

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Agenda item 18

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

United States of America: amendments to draft resolution X on the question of Guam, contained in document A/45/23 (Part VI), chapter IX, paragraph 114

1. Page 67, draft resolution X: operative paragraph 6 should read

6. Reaffirms its strong conviction that the presence of military bases and installations in the Territory should not hinder the population of the Territory from exercising its right to self-determination and independence in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Page 67, draft resolution X: operative paragraph 7 should read

7. Urges the administering Power to continue to take all necessary measures to comply fully with the purposes and principles of the Charter, the Declaration and the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly relating to military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration;

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